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**PATENT**

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| Applicants:  | John O. Marsden, et al.   | Docket No.: | 97112.3036        |
| Serial No.:  | 10/650,167  | Examiner:   | Melvyn J. Andrews |
| Filing Date: | August 27, 2003   | Art Unit:   | 1742              |
| Title:       | METHOD FOR IMPROVING METALS RECOVERY USING HIGH TEMPERATURE PRESSURE LEACHING |             |                   |

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Honorable Commissioner:

In Response to the Official Action dated September 16, 2004, Applicants present the following in timely response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks into the above-captioned patent application and reconsideration of all claims presented.